

Germans Yield; Poles to Land At Danzig Port

Land Routes Also Granted to Hasten Transfer of Divisions Now Held in France to Own Frontier

Move to Start April 15

Ten Trains Daily to Pass Through Germany; Foch Refuses Guaranty Plea

PARIS, April 5 (By The Associated Press).—It was officially announced today that arrangements for the landing at Danzig of Polish troops now in France, and their transport along other lines proposed by Germany, had been arranged to the entire satisfaction of the Allied powers.

After Marshal Foch had presented his statement to Matthias Erzberger, representing the German government, the latter formulated a counter-proposition to the effect that if difficulties arose from the transport of the Polish troops across Germany, a fresh meeting should be held between Marshal Foch and himself to decide what the consequences of any incident should be. The counter-proposition was rejected, Marshal Foch maintaining that despite Erzberger's representations he has the right to debark the men at Danzig in case of difficulties.

The question of the guarantees to be given Germany regarding the future of Danzig, Marshal Foch informed the German representatives, had no place at this meeting, as they belonged in the peace treaty, not the armistice.

Foch Report Disclosed

This was made known with the giving out of a communication received by the Allied governments from Spa, where Marshal Foch, the Allied commander in chief, and his aids have been in conference with German representatives. The communication read:

"SPA, April 4, 10:30 p. m.—In conformity with the decision of the Allied and associated governments, the right given the Allies by the armistice convention signed November 11 to land the Polish troops now in France at Danzig has been completely maintained.

"Furthermore, to hasten the arrival of these troops in Poland it has been decided to make use of other lines of transport proposed by the German government.

"These arrangements as a whole are in entire agreement with the views of the Allied and associated governments. FUCH."

The conference between Marshal Foch and Erzberger resulted from the tentative refusal of the Germans to meet the demand of the Allied powers that the three divisions of Polish troops in France, under General Haller, be permitted to go to Poland through the port of Danzig. The Germans offered other ports in East Prussia and Pomerania for the use of the Poles and during the negotiations just concluded, according to German advisers on Friday, the Germans proposed that General Haller's forces be taken by the land route from Lunenburg, France, across Germany to Poland.

Fear of Clash Professed

The German attitude regarding the proposed landing had been that the troops might clash with the population, but Berlin dispatches on April 4 stated the government had informed the party leaders that the Polish troops might be landed in Danzig if the Entente would furnish guarantees for their good behavior.

The armistice agreement of November 11 provided that the Allies should have free access to the territories evacuated by the Germans from their Eastern frontier, either through Danzig or by the Vistula, in order to convey supplies to the populations of those territories and, for the purpose of maintaining order. From the outcome of the Spa conference it seems probable that the Allied representatives insisted as a matter of principle and consistency that the Germans

keep their agreement regarding the use of Danzig, and that at least a portion of the Polish troops will be sent into Poland through that port, while others will go either through other ports specified or by the land route recently suggested.

Other Routes Suggested

Dispatches from Spa state that the agreement with the Germans was signed at 7:30 o'clock last evening, after two conferences during the day. It was stipulated that General Haller's troops could be moved to Poland by other routes, the first mentioned being the route by rail to Coblenz, Gieszen, Cassel, Halle, Eilenburg, Kottbus, Lissa and Kallau; second, by way of Stettin, and third, by way of Koenigsberg.

The troops are to be allowed to pass freely across Germany, in ten trains daily.

BERLIN, April 5.—The transport of Polish troops from France to Poland under the agreement reached at Spa will begin on April 15. The transfer of the troops, it is estimated, will take about two months.

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—A German version of the agreement reached at Spa says that Marshal Foch promised to recommend that the British give freedom to German coastal shipping for the duration of the passage of Polish troops through German territory.

After giving the various routes to be taken, the dispatch says the Germans guarantee the complete safety of these routes. On the other hand, measures have been taken that the troops being transported do nothing that might cause a disturbance among the population.

Lloyd George Fears

Polish Corridor May

Intervene German Coup

WASHINGTON, April 5.—According to advices received through official channels, the opposition by Premier Lloyd George to granting a corridor to the Poles through German territory to Danzig, together with the assignment of Danzig by the peace conference to Poland, because he does not desire to allow Germany any pretext for organizing an irredentist movement east of the Vistula River, where Germans are numerous.

The Premier contends that by connecting Danzig with Thorn and Warsaw by two independent railroads it probably would be possible to make Poland economically independent.

The loss of Lemberg by the Poles, advices from Paris assert, is regarded there as not only a shock to the Poles, but a blow to the Allies as well, Lemberg being considered, in the possession of the Ukrainians, as opening the road for the Russian Bolshevik army to Hungary. Danger was seen of Poland being surrounded by a ring of Russians, Hungarians and Germans, all hostile to the new state, and the possibility of Poland and Czechoslovakia also falling into a Bolshevik trap.

It is declared to be these considerations which are moving the Poles to insist upon the necessity of rushing the Polish legions in France to Poland and of giving the Polish government every moral and material assistance.

Unrest Growing Among South African Natives

Police Wound Several in Johannesburg Clashes at Trial of Leaders

LONDON, April 5.—Increasing agitation among the South African natives, growing out of the recent troubles in white labor circles, is reported by Reuters' Johannesburg correspondent, telegraphing under date of April 3. There is a movement among the natives, backed by influential chiefs, against the law requiring them to possess registration passes, and the authorities are rounding up the ringleaders.

At the trial of the ringleaders the natives made a demonstration outside the magistrate's court and were charged by the police with bayonets. Several natives were wounded and many arrested.

In the native quarter, after a white man was attacked and knocked down, the police restored order after three natives had been injured by rifle shots and some of the whites also had been injured.

Last American Troops In Italy Start Home

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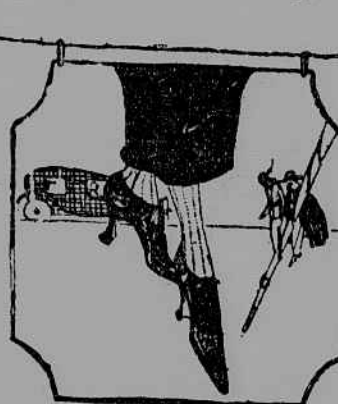
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